

**National Historically Black Colleges and Universities  
Week Conference  
and the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the White House Initiative on  
Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

*“The Mission Continues...”*

**September 11 – 14, 2005  
Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel  
Washington, D.C.**

*Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel  
400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
(Union Station Metro Stop)*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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## ***“THE MISSION CONTINUES...”***

There are 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Nation, which were founded prior to 1964. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: "...any historically Black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation..."

These HBCUs were formed to eliminate the adverse residue from slavery, plus a century of legally sanctioned discrimination, against United States citizens of African descent. The genesis and rationale for HBCUs are different and distinct from that of institutions serving other minority groups in the United States (often referred to as Minority Serving Institutions, or MSIs).

HBCUs make a strong and unique contribution to the United States by providing an education to many socioeconomically-disadvantaged young people among the Nation's African American and other minority populations. The Nation's HBCUs provide a supportive environment in which qualities of leadership, strong values and character are developed, along with a strong sense of identity and self-actualization.

The participation of the graduates of HBCUs in the Nation's business, social and political systems, and in the military services adds great economic and social values to our Nation. Their involvement in the social and political discourse of the United States strengthens our democracy and its stability.

Therefore, HBCUs have received, and continue to deserve, legislative distinction, as well as recognition, commendations and financial support from all segments of our society: Federal, state and local governments; corporations, foundations and associations; and individuals.

### **Statement Adopted by:**

***President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities***

***December 2004***

***LOUIS W. SULLIVAN, M.D., CHAIRMAN***

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) is coordinating a four-day national conference commemorating National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the first Presidential Executive Order on HBCUs. President George W. Bush is scheduled to issue a proclamation honoring America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities designating September 11-17, 2005 as National HBCU Week. Traditionally, Congress also issues a Resolution honoring the significant contributions made to our Nation's growth by these institutions.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON HBCUs

### **Mission**

To strengthen the capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to provide excellence in education.

### **Historical Perspective**

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed Executive Order 12232, which established a Federal program "... to overcome the effects of discriminatory treatment and to strengthen and expand the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide quality education." Each President since that time has subsequently issued an Executive Order on HBCUs, with President George W. Bush signing Executive Order 13256, Feb. 12, 2002.

### **Today's Leadership**

The White House Initiative on HBCUs works under the guidance and leadership of Wilbert Bryant, Counselor to the Secretary for the White House Initiative on HBCUs.

## TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- Reauthorization of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
- *No Child Left Behind*
- Presidential Roundtable
- Achievement/Gender Gap
- Global Imperatives
- Health Care Disparity Issues
- Homeland Security
- Private-Sector Endowments
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Title III and Title IV Workshops
- Issues Impacting Student Government Leaders

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

This four-day event is designed to highlight the achievements of HBCUs, as well as to discuss many of the critical issues that are currently impacting institutions of higher education.

### Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Lecture Series
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Reception

### Monday, Sept. 12, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Sessions ( <i>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</i> )
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon
2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	General Sessions
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception

### Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon
2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Commemorative Event ( <i>Business Attire</i> )

### Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	HBCU Grant Announcements
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	HBCU Millennium Awards in Teaching and Research
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Session ( <i>luncheon</i> )

### Thursday, September 15, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Meeting President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs
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## LODGING

A block of rooms for this event has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel at the rate of \$209.00 per night for single occupancy and \$234.00 for double occupancy, plus 14.5% state and local taxes. Please make your hotel reservations directly with the **Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel by calling 1-800-233-1234 or 202-737-1234.** To receive the preferred government rate, you must identify your affiliation with the **U.S. Department of Education\HBCU Conference.** ***\*Important: THE CUT OFF DATE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS AUG. 16, 2005.***

## TARGET AUDIENCES

HBCU Presidents and Chancellors

HBCU Board of Trustees

HBCU Sponsored Research Administrators

HBCU Student Leaders

Corporation and Foundation Officials

Federal Agency Representatives

HBCU Organizational Affiliates

HBCU Title III/Title IV Representatives

## INVITED SPEAKERS - 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush

*President of the United States*

The Honorable Margaret Spellings

*U.S. Secretary of Education*

The Honorable Alphonso Jackson

*U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development*

The Honorable Andrew S. Natsios

*Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development*

Mr. Ed Bradley

*Co-Editor, 60 Minutes*

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

*Lawyer, Author and Civil Rights Leader*

Congressional and Corporate Representatives

## SELECTED SPEAKERS FROM 2004

The Honorable Rod Paige  
*U.S. Secretary of Education*

The Honorable Colin Powell  
*Secretary, U.S. Department of State*

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
*National Security Advisor*

Mr. Lerone Bennett Jr.  
*Executive Editor, Ebony Magazine*

## CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Please submit a separate pre-registration form for each registrant)

There is no fee for conference participation: But, there are space limitations; pre-registration is therefore required. To ensure your participation, please complete and return this pre-registration form to our office at the address provided below by **Aug. 26, 2005**.

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(Name will appear on badge as listed above)

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